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Eastham Conservation Commission

Conservation Area Regulations

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1.0 Authority

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, § 8C, the Conservation Commission has adopted the following rules and regulations.

2.0 Purpose

In order to preserve and protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, ecological, environmental, aesthetic, surface and groundwater resources, user safety and conservation values of the Town of Eastham's conservation areas.

3.0 Applicability

These regulations apply to all land within the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, herein referred to as "Conservation Land."

4.0 General Regulations

4.1 Conservation areas are open to the public from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset, unless otherwise posted.

4.2 No hunting shall be permitted in any conservation area with the exception of waterfowl in Wiley Park in season by a licensed person(s) in accordance with applicable laws.

4.3 No person shall feed or leave food, disrupt, harm, collect, release, chase or harass any animals in the conservation areas.

4.4 Work of any type directly affecting flora and fauna is not permitted without prior written permission from the Conservation Commission. "Work" includes but is not limited to trail construction, maintenance, excavation, filling, plantings, building structures and posting signs.

4.5 No person or Animal under the control of shall cut, break, remove, disrupt, or damage any growing trees, bushes, plants, or flowers in the conservation areas.

4.6 Dumping, littering, filling or deposition of household garbage or yard waste is prohibited.

4.7 Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency response vehicles, or maintenance activities, or with prior permission from the Conservation Commission and except in designated roads and parking areas.

4.8 No boat launching, SUP's, kayaks, canoes or other watercraft except in designated boat launch at the Town Boat Ramp located Great Pond Beach.

4.9 No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any time.

4.10 Open fires are prohibited.

4.11 No bike riding on Conservation trails in Wiley and Nickerson properties.

4.12 Activities and uses not set forth herein require prior permission by the Conservation Commission.

4.13 Users, including pets, of conservation areas shall remain on marked trails and designated areas such as parking and beach areas. Users may not enter or disturb posted exclusion areas such as wildlife nesting areas or habitat restoration areas unless otherwise previously authorized by the Conservation Commission.

4.14 Pet owners are responsible for the removal and disposal of pet waste from the Conservation Areas.

4.15 Dogs must be on leash at all times within the parking area and remain on leash until reaching designated trail areas.

4.16 Dogs must be on leash in Conservation Areas from June 15th thru Labor Day.

4.17 Maximum number of three dogs per walker and the length of leash shall not exceed 10 feet.

5.0 Violations and Penalties

These regulations may be enforced by the Conservation Agent or Natural Resources Officer and/or Police Officer (or designee of the Conservation Commission).

5.1 The penalty for violation of any provision of these regulations shall be a fine of up to \$300.00 per violation with each day of continuing violation constituting a separate violation.

When enforced through the provisions of General Law CH. 40 §21D (Non-Criminal Disposition), the penalties shall be as follows:

First Offence: \$100.00

Second Offence: \$200.00

Third and successive Offences: \$300.00

The Eastham Conservation Commission welcomes and encourages public use and enjoyment of the land under its stewardship. Enjoy hiking and exploring the trails, woods, and ponds. Please help us keep the conservation areas beautiful. To report violations or problems, please call the Natural Resources/Conservation office at (774)-801-0520.